

BIG CIVIC CELEBRATION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Local Societies to Unite in
Demonstration.

MACFARLAND'S SUGGESTION

Meeting to Discuss Plans to Be Held
in Commissioner's Office
Monday.

A movement suggested by Commissioner Macfarland has been started to have in Washington this year a public celebration of Independence Day. A meeting will be held next Monday at the District Building, at the call of Commissioner Macfarland, to consider a general working plan for this event.

Mr. Macfarland's Suggestion.

The initiative to this movement was given in the address delivered by Commissioner Macfarland before the Oldest Inhabitants' Association on February 23. He said at that time the observance of Independence Day had degenerated into a sort of private annual meeting of the patriotic societies, in which the public had no part. Mr. Macfarland complimented the Oldest Inhabitants upon their custom of keeping green the memory of the Declaration of Independence, while the people of the District generally devoted the day to pleasure and noisy fireworks.

The Commissioner said he hoped a departure might be made on the coming Fourth of July in the way of a genuine old-fashioned celebration of the day, in which the small boy might for once forego his firecrackers and join with his elders in a sober observance of the occasion.

Pleased With the Plan.

This idea was warmly welcomed by the Oldest Inhabitants and several prominent business men. Some of them called upon the Commissioner and urged him to give practical expression to his views by calling a meeting and carrying out the plan. This course, delayed because of pressing public business and doubts in the mind of Commissioner Macfarland about accepting office for a second term, will now be followed, and the meeting held next Monday.

The three Commissioners are much interested in the project, and will work together to have in Washington on Independence Day a celebration worthy of the occasion, the Capital, and the nation.

Patriotic Societies Interested.

It is proposed especially to interest the patriotic societies in the movement and to have them unite in the exercises. The Washington Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association will be represented. Labor organizations, citizens' associations and civic bodies generally, it is hoped, will co-operate. In the end it is expected there will be a generous expression of public sentiment in favor of the scheme culminating in a Fourth of July of which the people of the city will be proud.

A tentative plan in the minds of the projectors of the celebration is to hold a large public meeting with the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration and patriotic music. In connection with this will be several smaller gatherings of one kind and another. The evening will possibly see an exhibition of fireworks on the Monument Lot. Details are yet to be worked out, but the working plan will be settled upon at the meeting next Monday.

NERVES WRECK ACTRESS.

BERLIN, May 8.—Agnes Sorna, who has been regarded as the greatest actress on the German stage, has entered an institution where she will be treated for a nervous malady, after having canceled all her engagements. Her condition is such as to probably prevent her engaging in stage work for a long time. She is also seeking divorce from her husband, Count Minotto, formerly second secretary of the Italian embassy here.

"WILDWOOD" THRIVES AND SEEMS POPULAR

Extensive Patronage for
Takoma Park Poolroom.

OVER 400 MEN BET ON RACES

River View Turf Club and Wildwood
Club Tickets Blaze Way to Hotel.
Probable Issue Over License.

Several hundred men are at Wildwood today, and those who have the money and inclination are making bets on the races. More than 400 men were there yesterday, and the poolroom attachment of the resort was doing a rushing business, despite the protests of the incensed citizens of Takoma Park.

It is manifest, judging from what was seen at a casual visit to the place yesterday, that Proprietors Andrews and Turner will go ahead selling liquor and tickets until the courts decide whether their Takoma Park opponents have a right to stop them.

In the meantime the attendance is increasing, most of the visitors coming from Washington, and gauged by the numbers of "blasted hope" tickets—those bought on horses that fail to win—which are torn into pieces and scattered along the railroad track, the profits of the "Wildwood Hotel" are growing with the attendance.

A Trail of Pool Tickets.

These tickets blaze the way to the betting room. Torn into soiled bits, the trail begins at the little station where the tracks of the Washington and Baltimore Traction Company branch into the forest from the main line on Brightwood Avenue. Then the trail follows the curving rails of the "Baltimore" line, increasing among the wild flowers beside the track until they reach the asphalt walk leading up to the hotel. There they are so thick that visitors walk upon them.

On some appear the name "River View Club," and on others, "Wildwood Club." The first seem to have been used because the Wildwood tickets were not ready for the opening day.

For what place the former were printed could not be learned. There is a "River View" resort at Jackson City and another near Baltimore.

At the end of the trail of torn tickets the usual concomitants of a road house were disclosed. Groups of "sports" sat in the shade on the broad porch, talking and smoking. Here and there some were drinking.

On the whole, the resort was as orderly as a poolroom is expected to be. But as one of the men on the way out to the place remarked:

"It wasn't intended for no Sunday school picnic. Licker is sold to drink there, and bets is made on the horses." It is in this light the citizens of Takoma view the new enterprise at Wildwood. It may be orderly as poolrooms go, say the citizens, but they have no use for a poolroom and liquor selling.

The Legality of a License.

The hotel has a license to sell liquor generally. For the poolroom they have no license of law, and when asked about it one of the principals answered: "I don't think they need one." The liquor license, however, was obtained from Prince George county, while the charter of Takoma Park says the town shall have control of the sale of liquor. On this point of law the citizens of Takoma say they are going to take the matter into court, and it is this point the proprietors will fight.

The proprietors have arranged, as promised, that the trip can be made to Wildwood for five cents. When one leaves the Brightwood Avenue line he simply gets aboard the car for Wildwood. No transfers are needed. No fares are collected, and no questions are asked. It is a free ride.

Mayor J. B. Kinnear and his associate authorities of Takoma are busy preparing a case against the Wildwood people. They are working in secret. When asked yesterday what form the action would take, Mr. Kinnear said:

"I cannot say anything as to our intentions, because it would probably interfere with our plans. We are looking ahead, however, and will see if the place will be allowed to remain undisturbed."

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Projected Improvements to
Give More Room.

PLANS NOW IN PREPARATION

From a Half to One Million Needed to
Carry Them Into Execution—Com-
mander Bowyer's Statement.

Reports that the improvements to be made in the Washington Navy Yard would transform it into one of the most complete in the world are now contradicted.

"The purpose of these additions," said Commander John M. Bowyer, U. S. N., captain of the yard, "is to bring the yard up to the proper mark. We find the number of shops and machines is insufficient to do the amount of work we are required to turn out within a fixed time."

"A tract of fourteen acres is available to the west of the yard, and we intend to erect here a number of shops and foundries which will increase the efficiency of the yard. The navy yard occupies at present forty-eight acres."

"On the new site there will be a 6,000 horse power engine erected for the purpose of furnishing electric power for the plant and shops around. This form of power has been found more effective in the work here, and it will, as far as possible, be used in the proposed buildings. Gun and foundry shops, as well as carriage shops, will be erected. A storehouse both for raw and finished material will satisfy a need which has existed in the yard for many years."

"The object of these new buildings is to meet the necessities which our ever-increasing navy has created. It is clear from these facts that the enlarged navy yard, while greatly increased in efficiency, will not measure up to the big gun plants of this country and Europe."

A board, composed of Capt. William M. Folger, U. S. N.; Commander John M. Bowyer, U. S. N.; and Lieutenant Commander F. F. Fletcher, U. S. N., has the plans under consideration. It is expected these will be so far advanced by December that Congress will be able to consider and approve them with the least possible delay. It is not unlikely that the execution of these plans will require from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

PAYMASTER DELANO TO BE INVESTIGATED

An official investigation of the professional conduct of Paymaster Philip W. Delano, U. S. N., was ordered yesterday by Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling. The board of pay officers appointed to make the investigation, will frame the precept for a court-martial of Paymaster Delano on the charge of having been guilty of irregularities, deficiencies, and making false and misleading statements to the Navy Department.

Paymaster Delano, who is from New Hampshire, was, until recently, the pay officer serving on the Isla de Luzon, which has just returned to this country from the Philippines, and is now laid up at the Pensacola navy yard. He is at present in Washington, under arrest to await the investigation of his alleged irregularities in disbursing Government funds.

HARMONY PREVAILS IN LABOR CIRCLES

Disputes of Brotherhood Car-
penters Adjusted.

PAPERHANGERS AT PEACE

Slight Disturbances Between Employ-
ers and Employees Never Amounted
to What Is Called a Strike.

The recent petty disputes between the Brotherhood Carpenters and August Getz & Son, at the Porter apartment annex, have been settled, and it is believed the work on the building will be finished without further trouble between the contractors and their employees. On May 1 the new scale of wages for the carpenters went into effect, and the men from now on will receive \$3.50 a day instead of \$3, as heretofore. T. L. Lewis, who is erecting several dwellings in the northwest section of Washington, also had a strike on his hands, because of differences with his carpenters. This "strike" was satisfactorily adjusted and the men returned to their work.

No Real Strikes Here.

The officials of the different labor unions and the contractors of Washington say there is no reason for calling these petty discussions "strikes," because they are not strikes, save only in a technical sense. Every one of the so-called strikes in Washington this spring, and for five years back, has been settled without great interruption to business or loss of wages. This, it is said, is due to the fact that the employers and the employees of Washington are of a higher intellectual type than those of many other cities, and the Washington public, as well as the parties directly concerned, profit thereby.

Everything is working smoothly at the new District pumping station, where a number of carpenters recently went on a sympathetic strike, because of their fellow craftsmen's troubles at the Willard Hotel annex. On Monday the pumping station carpenters did not know whether to go to work or remain away. This was due to the failure of the officials of the Carpenters' Local to inform them of the adjustment of the difficulties at the hotel.

Paperhangers' Wage Scale.

On June 1 the paperhangers of Washington will bury the hatchet. The masters of Washington have all agreed to pay their workmen \$3.20 per diem, instead of \$2.80 as heretofore. This new scale of wages becomes operative the first of next month, and the workmen will then have won a signal victory over their employers, and obtained for themselves the wages which are paid in other cities, and for which they have been contending for such a long time. Harry Wells, business agent for the Paperhangers' Union, expresses the belief that all trouble between the masters and the workmen is at an end, and after June 1 things will be as quiet and peaceful as ever.

EMMA SHEAHAN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Emma Marie Sheahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sheahan, will occur tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, from St. Patrick's Church. Miss Sheahan died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, 726 Fourth Street northwest, after a continued illness. She was in her twenty-third year, and had a wide circle of friends in Washington.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT PLANS FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR

Plans for the Postoffice Department exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition contemplate the most comprehensive display in the department's history. The ground space will exceed 12,000 square feet—7,000 square feet greater than at Buffalo. The Mutoscope will be used to present in a realistic manner as possible the operation of certain branches of the service, particularly in the method of collecting and distributing mail in the railway postal service.

FRANK HUME DENIES HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE

Frank Hume, the well-known business man of Washington, today denied that he intended to enter politics in Virginia, as reported. It was said Mr. Hume would make a contest to succeed S. S. Donohoe, who represents the Alexandria district in the State senate. "The rumor is false," said Mr. Hume this morning. "I could and would not neglect my business to go into politics. I am too busy to take part in the contest."

COMMISSIONER INSPECTS A NEARBY FISHING STATION

United States Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers, paid a visit of inspection with some friends to Bryan's Point, Md., hatching station, opposite Mount Vernon, yesterday. The trip was made on the launch Blue Wing. The workings of the station were thoroughly inspected and Mr. Bowers expressed himself as satisfied. The commissioner would be hard to please if he did not praise this station. All records for taking and hatching shad eggs were broken there this season. So far 78,000,000 fry were turned loose.

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Shoe Specials Worth Seeking.

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Men's Black Velour Kid, Velour Calf, and Patent Calf Lace Shoes and Oxfords; single and double sole; latest shapes. Worth \$3 a pair **\$1.95**

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